



Cabinet Business Committee

Minute of Decision

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Social Security (Childcare Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2024

Portfolio **Social Development and Employment**

On 15 April 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in August 2023, the previous government agreed to:
 - 1.1 create a new top-up payment to be required for children attending home-based early childhood education (ECE) services funded under the 20 Hours ECE policy;
 - 1.2 allow parents and caregivers access to the Childcare Subsidy and Guaranteed Childcare Assistance Payment (GCAP) to pay for top-up payments required by home-based educators for 20 Hours ECE; and
 - 1.3 amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 to ensure that the Childcare Subsidy is not payable for hours covered by 20 Hours ECE funding, except where home-based educators require top-up payments for 20 Hours ECE;

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- 2 **noted** that the Minister for Social Development and Employment will approve an instrument that will amend the GCAP Programme to make it clear that GCAP is not payable for hours covered by 20 Hours ECE funding, except where home-based educators require top-up payments for 20 Hours ECE for children attending licensed home-based ECE services;
- 3 **noted** that the Social Security (Childcare Subsidy) Amendment Regulations 2024 (the Amendment Regulations) give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 1.3 above;
- 4 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Amendment Regulations [PCO 55897/2.0];
- 5 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations will come into force on 3 June 2024;
- 6 **noted** that the instrument to amend the GCAP Programme to give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 2 above will also come into force on 3 June 2024.

Jenny Vickers
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Andrew Bayly

Officials present from:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet